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March 20, 1969

Richard B. Weldon, Esq.,
President
Red Lion Community Association, Inc.
New Castle, Delaware 19720

Dear Mr. Weldon:

In reply to your letter of March 18, 1969, I offer the following:

1. Both myself and our New Castle County Sanitarian on Solid Waste Mr. Straw, investigated the recent fire situation which involved the New Castle County Landfill near Tybouts Corner. We concur with Mr. Dutcher's evaluation of the probable origin of the fire - a cigarette butt thrown from a passing vehicle. We consider the fire as a brush fire not associated with the landfill operation. The County Personnel did take a prompt action in protecting the landfill working area from the fire and in getting the brush fire put out. They should be commended rather than chastised for their efforts.
2. I concur with your complaint concerning excessive amounts of paper piling up on sections of fence and certain walls of the landfill.
3. The New Castle Zoning Code provision on distance of a landfill from a road was considered at the County Level when approval for site was granted. The State Board of Health has no requirement for maintaining any specified distance from a highway.
4. The fire control resources to be utilized at the landfill include: (1) Delaware City Fire Company; (2) Ward's equipment operators and water truck; (3) County Personnel at the site.

In response to your complaint on behalf of the residents of Red Lion, I have met with Mr. Dutcher and Mr. Karins to discuss the situation. Copies of our follow-up correspondence with the County Department of Public Works, and with Mr. Ward, are enclosed.

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Thank you for bringing this situation to our attention. Your continuing efforts have been and will be of great importance in maintaining a good operation at the New Castle County Landfill.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Westerman, Director
Division of Solid Wastes

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cc: WARC - Jim Wilburn
HCC - Mr. Dutcher
MCC - Health Unit - Dr. Clive, Mr. Gainer, Cy Straw

Enclosure

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